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By: **Senator Kasemeyer (Chairman, Joint Committee on Pensions)**  
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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities -**  
3                                   **Extension of Final Reporting Date**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the State's  
5 Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities is required to report its findings and  
6 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and generally  
7 relating to an extension of the reporting requirement for the Task Force to Study  
8 the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Chapter 348 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002  
11 Section 1

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14                                   **Chapter 348 of the Acts of 2002**

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance  
18 Liabilities.

19 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

20 (1) three members from the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
21 Speaker of the House; and

22 (2) three members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the  
23 Senate.

24 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
25 shall jointly designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

26 (d) The Task Force shall:

1 (1) review the report prepared by the Department of Legislative  
2 Services, included in the Joint Committee on Pensions Report of the 2000 Interim,  
3 which included a survey of the various approaches other states have taken with  
4 regard to the issue of retiree health care;

5 (2) review different approaches which address the issue of retiree health  
6 care for the State and that would meet the State's needs and fiscal resources;

7 (3) commission an actuarial valuation of the liabilities associated with  
8 the retiree health insurance subsidy, with the costs of the valuation to be borne by the  
9 State Retirement and Pension System; and

10 (4) develop options and a recommendation to address this issue by the  
11 start of the General Assembly's [2003] 2004 session, and evaluate the costs associated  
12 with each option.

13 (e) The Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from the Department of  
14 Legislative Services, and notice of each meeting of the Task Force shall be made  
15 public by delivering a copy of the meeting notice to the Legislative Information  
16 Officer, Room B-6, Department of Legislative Services, Legislative Services Building,  
17 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991, at least 10 days before any  
18 scheduled meeting of the Task Force.

19 (f) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and  
20 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to §2-1246 of the State Government  
21 Article, to the General Assembly by [January 7, 2003] JANUARY 6, 2004.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2003.